

NOTICE OF MOTION
CONSERVATIVE GROUP
'MARCH FOR ENGLAND'

"This Council, urges the Gold Command Strategic Partnership Group to reconsider allowing the March for England and associated counter-protest to take place in the city centre on 27th April."

Proposed by: Cllr G. Theobald

Seconded by: Cllr Simson

Supported by: Cllrs: Barnett, Peltzer Dunn, Cox, A. Norman, K. Norman, Hyde, Bennett, Smith, Pidgeon, Mears, Janio, C. Theobald, Wealls, Brown, and Wells.

Supporting information:

While reiterating our support for legitimate public gathering and protest, this Council objects to the current plans to hold once again a March for England at the heart of our city on April 27th which does huge damage to Brighton & Hove's local traders and businesses and its reputation for diversity and tolerance. Many residents object to the event's associations, and as a consequence participate in the large counter-protest which, in turn, encourages more people to attend the march.

We recognise the extremely difficult position the Police find themselves in and note that their judgement is that there are not sufficient grounds to ban the march outright. However, if that is the case, then an alternative location should be found.